20. *LEATHER, LEATHER GOODS & PICKERS:*

Belting-Leather; Cotton & hair finished leather, pickers, Picking brands; Vegetable tanning extracts; Fat liquors other than synthetic.

21. *GLASS CERAMICS:*

22. *CEMENT & GYPSUM PRODUCTS:*

NOTE: List is illustrative and not exhaustive Clarification of details within the broad heading is the responsibility of Administrative Ministries.

**Stoppage of subsidy to industrial units in Assam**

1416. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that government have stopped subsidy to over 196 industrial units in Assam; and

(b) if so, what are the compulsions for such a sudden step under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme, in details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Apparently, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the discontinuation of Central Subsidy from 22nd September, 1988 to non-manufacturing activities. State Governments including the Government of Assam, had represented that the Central Subsidy in respect of such projects sanctioned before 22nd September, 1988, be continued. The Government have since advised all State Governments that in respect of Non-manufacturing activities, the Subsidy disbursed by the State Governments before 30th September, 1989 provided that the projects have been approved by the State Level Committee/District Level Committee before 30th Setember, 1988 i.e. during the validity of the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme will be eligible for reimbursement by the Central Government. It is now for the Assam Government to take further action.

**Norms for extension of the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme**

1417. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms for extending the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme; and

(b) what norms are applied to stop such subsidy under the Scheme, in details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHR M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Central Investment Subsidy Scheme has been discontinued from 1-10-1988.

**Hiring of computer equipment by BHEL**

1418. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BHEL has recently decided to hire computer equipment for its Trichy, Hyderabad and Bhopal offices from a firm whose quotations were earlier rejected and that the system offered by the firm does not conform to the standards and practices of BHEL;

(b) whehter it is also a fact that BHEL did not invite fresh tenders; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is the amount of rent and maintenance charges of the equipment involved per annum?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The position, as furnished by BHEL is given in the Statement below.

**Statement**

In order to revamp computer facilities at various plants, BHEL had invited limited global tenders in February, 1987 for supply